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### A Tip For The Mikado

The approaching visit of Banker Jacob H. Schiff to the Emperor of Japan recalls the visit that a famous monarch once paid to one of the world's greatest bankers. The banker was Fugger and the monarch was Charles V. of Spain. In order to conduct his extensive wars Charles had had recourse to Fugger for funds. He found the banker ready to stand behind him and supply the means of securing the sinews of war. Charles became millions in debt to the banker. One day the king was being entertained by the banker. A fire was burning. The king saw that the fuel consisted of rich barks and woods which emitted a delicious aromatic scent. He remarked to his host what a rich and costly fire it was. The banker replied with the grace of a Bayard and the prodigality of a drunken sailor that he would make the fire even more costly, whereupon he threw into the flames the notes and obligations of the king for millions of money.

This incident is related partially for its historical interest, but more especially as a trip to his Imperial Majesty Mitsuhito. He might have some expensive fire during the visit of the American banker and then with that suave, diplomatic manner of the Japanese, introduce the subject of Fugger by calling attention to the expensive fire, but adding with a sigh that Charles V. had enjoyed a much more costly fire than the ruler of Japan. The Japanese Emperor could also express regret that times had changed, or words to this effect, all the time looking at the American banker in a longing, lingering sort of way. Probably Banker Schiff might be moved by a sudden burst of generosity to emulate the example of the generous Fugger and suddenly and unexpectedly—very unexpectedly—to draw a couple of hundred million of those Japanese war bonds out of his pocket and with a lordly wave of his hand, chuck them into the fire, saying: "Your Majesty, we will make this fire more costly; we will burn some good old mazuma."

And then the cables would get hot right away with specials to all of the newspapers. The stockholders of the Equitable Life Insurance Company would wake up and rub their eyes and think that perhaps some of the charges against the banker were untrue. They might even give him another chance at the funds of the concern. The Emperor would right away create a new order in the Empire, the order of the Rising Smoke, and confer the first grade upon his generous guest. But whether the Emperor would or not, the proposition would be a great advertisement for Banker Schiff. He would have no trouble in future in finding money to every ruler in the world. He would do only a kingly banking business with monarchs for his clients.

### Salaries Of School Teachers

Hawaii is not much of an exception in the matter of stinginess in dealing with teachers' salaries, judging by the following editorial in the Washington Post: "In many of the cities and villages of the United States, as well as in the country districts generally, the compensation of the thousands of women employed as teachers in the public schools is disgracefully inadequate. Proud as we are of the vast expenditure annually made for the schools and the results achieved by them, it is undeniable that a niggardly stinginess characterizes their management in a majority of rural counties, and too often in cities. The increase of school population is almost uniformly in excess of the increase of school buildings. Armies of children are sent to school in buildings totally unfit for such use. Proper sanitation is impossible and ventilation is persistently neglected. The number whose only schooling is in the streets shows but slight diminution. Thousands of teachers are working on starvation wages, their pay being less than the average wages of servant girls. Still, we are expending an immense amount of money for free public instruction, and if it were judiciously distributed, there would be less complaint."

"But in the matter of underpaid woman teachers, our Canadian cousins make as disgraceful a showing as we do. The Toronto Mail and Empire has undertaken the unenviable task of telling ugly truths in the hope of arousing an interest in this really important question. It asserts that it is not only in rural schools that the pay of teachers has become scandalously low, but that many of the women engaged in the public schools of Toronto are receiving salaries that barely afford them a living. Our contemporary contends that Toronto is paying enough for its educational service to insure that all who are engaged in that service shall be decently remunerated, and that only by a faulty distribution can the scantiness of the salaries of the women be accounted for. Still, if the cruel injustice cannot be reduced without additional taxation, the Mail and Empire favors such action. Our contemporary asserts that "after spending years at school and passing her examinations, a young woman deemed capable of filling a place on the public school staff of Toronto can get only \$350 for her first year's work on that staff." Her board bill alone will take nearly every dollar of this, leaving nothing for the poor girl to buy clothing with. The supporters of rural schools do not treat their woman teachers worse than this." If it be true that no rural school teachers in Canada fare worse than that, it remains for the rich and stingy farmers in some counties of Pennsylvania, and their contemporaries in several other States, to pose on a pedestal so low that they must look upward to behold the less stingy canucks.

### A Convert To Socialism

One of the sensations of the hour in the states is the announcement by Joseph Medill Patterson, in resigning as Commissioner of Public Works under Mayor Dunne of Chicago, that he is a socialist. The public is greatly surprised. Here is a young man who has great wealth, a social position that is unchallenged, and every prospect which the present industrial system and social order can offer, announcing that he believes that system and that he is convinced of the importance and soundness of them.

It is evident from what Mr. Patterson says in his letter of resignation, that he has not come to his present conclusions from any serious and profound study of economic and social conditions and principles. He says he has read little on the subject and is not at present capable of presenting a completely logical argument in favor of his views; but that he is convinced of the importance and soundness of his new views.

Evidently he has come to his present conclusions rather as a matter of feeling or of emotion than as a result of research; that the shortcomings of the present system, its brutalities and savagery, have been borne in upon him by the pressure of his everyday experience, rather than by a logical analysis of causes and effects. But neither his views of the system he denounces or of the one he embraces are necessarily wrong because of that. Truths the most sublime are often felt before

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they are seen, and realized and lived before they are formulated or analyzed. But the interest his announcement has aroused is not because he denounces what is, and advocates the common ownership of all means of production. Other men have done that, and done it with eloquence and beauty. The interest he has aroused is because of himself, his position and his family relationships.

Joseph Medill Patterson is a grandson of Joseph Medill who for forty years and more was the editor and most of the time the owner of the Chicago Tribune by all odds the most influential paper through a long series of years of any published in Illinois or west of New York. On his paternal side he is a grandson of Rev. Dr. Robert W. Patterson, an eminent Presbyterian divine who was at least once Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. The young man's father was Robert W. Patterson, who became Editor-in-chief of the Chicago Tribune on the death of Joseph Medill. An uncle is Raymond W. Patterson, one of the best known Washington correspondents. Another uncle is Robert S. McCormick, lately Ambassador of the United States to Russia. His wife is a daughter of Harlow N. Higginbotham, for forty years a partner of the late Marshall Field, President of the World's Columbian Exposition, and one of Chicago's wealthiest and best known men.

It is because of these things that his recent announcement has created interest.

Wherever there are Irishmen, and where aren't there Irishmen?—this day is being celebrated. It is the day set apart in the church calendar for St. Patrick who introduced Christianity into Ireland, and who has hence become the patron saint of the Irish people. Few other people celebrate as universally and as enthusiastically their patron saint's day as the Irish, and few patron saint's days are as widely taken note of outside their own nationality or people. The exercises

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The Kauliweia Boys' Club debated the question of whether fire or water were the most useful to man. There are some individuals who would have compromised on fire-water, without wasting time in debate.

Both the Irish and John A. Cummins celebrate today.

It is too bad that King Edward can't be present at a local service tomorrow where the subject of the address is announced to be "Cure for Feeble Knees." Since Edward met with that accident while out hunting recently, he needs the cure.

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